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Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$ 6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS...$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
A. McCONACHIE, Esq.—Chairman.
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MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [8

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£350,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL PROPERTY and INTEREST of our RATTAN FACTORY at YAUMATI have been SOLD under date of 30th November, 1896, to

THE EASTERN RATTAN WORKS.

Mr. WILHELM WAECHTER has been appointed MANAGER of the New Firm.

SCHEELE & Co.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [153

CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS
USED FOR 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,
SCHEELE & Co.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [33

Insurances.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO.....$833,333-33
RESERVE FUND.....$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUM, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1891. [30

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at No. 55, WYNDHAM STREET,
The whole of the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

HALL FURNITURE, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, FANCY & TEA TABLES, CANTON BLACKWOOD TABLES and STANDS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, OVERMANTELS, CARD-TABLES, FENDERS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.

FINE TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER-WAGGON, CHIFFONIER, DINING-TABLE & CHAIRS, LEATHER CHAIRS, DINNER & DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and SILVER, GLASS WARE, CUTLERY, &c.

WRITING DESK and BOOK-CASES, TABLE LINEN, &c.

IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, &c. MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLE, WASHSTANDS and SETS, WARDROBES with PLATE GLASS DOORS and SUNDRY other FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.
On View from WEDNESDAY, the 20th January.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [150

Intimations.

FOR SALE.

PORT WINE.

THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "5 GRAPES" BRAND.
In cases of 1 doz. Bottles at $24 per case.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1896. [26

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG. A. B. C. Code.
TELEPHONE, No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [24

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
STRAITS AND BOMBAY....	*Peshawur*	F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Noon, 20th Jan.	Freight. (Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers).
SHANGHAI	*Ravenna*	E. Street	About 23rd Jan.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 26th Jan.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON, *via* MARSEILLES.	*Borneo*	E. P. Bishop	About 26th Jan.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Rosetta*	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 28th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Verona*	C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 29th Jan.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Formosa*	R. A. Peters	About 6th Feb.	Freight or Passage

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [5

W. POWELL & CO.

LADIES' KID GLOVES,
2 BUTTON to 20 BUTTON LENGTH.

GENTS' WHITE KID GLOVES,
EVERY SIZE.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1897. [19

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., SHIPCHANDLERS,

DECK AND ENGINE-ROOM STORES OF ALL KINDS.

HUBBUCK'S FIRST QUALITY PAINTS and OILS.
SIR CHAS. PRICE'S ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
EAGLEBERTS CYLINDER OIL.

INTERNATIONAL ANTIFOULING COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS BOTTOMS.

This Composition has been Supplied to all the Navies of the World and all the principal Steamship Companies.

INNUMERABLE TESTIMONIALS.
FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.
CALL FLAG "R"
Hongkong, 11th November, 1895. [25

AQUARIUS.

A PERFECT TABLE WATER.

TRADE MARK. ESTD. 1864.

	Allowance for the Empties when returned to our Godowns.	net price.
Per 1 dozen Quarts.....$1.75	$0.50	$1.25.
Per 1 dozen Pints.....$.50	$1.00	$0.70.

"There is no teaching in all the wide world of hygiene so valuable as the inculcation of the idea that typhoid fever is a water-borne disease. Excluding a not common liability to the air-diffusion of its germs, we acquire this ailment undoubtedly from water directly, or from milk which has been fouled by polluted water. Pure water means practically the abolition of both typhoid fever and cholera. Our safety abroad is to drink a pure Mineral Water only."—(Dr. ANDREW WILSON in the *Illustrated London News*.)

TELEPHONE—75.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. 14

MEALS

MONTHLY RATES FOR MEALS AT H.K. HOTEL.

BREAKFAST	$12.00
TIFFIN	15.00
DINNER	20.00
ALL 3 MEALS	42.50

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT
GOLDEN MEDAL
PETROLEUM ENGINES
OF 2 TO 12 H.P.
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.
WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.
Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.



A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with 4 H.P. Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS FOR:—

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SNOWDON, SONS & CO., "SNOWDRIFT."
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GEIPEL'S STEAM TRAP.
TURTON BROS. & MATTHEWS' STEEL GOODS.
FRASER & CHALMERS LTD., MINING MACHINERY.

AQUOL, the great fire and damp resisting Paint for inside or outside work.

ASBESTOS goods of the best quality always on hand.

W. JACKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
PIONEERS OF THE ASBESTOS TRADE.
Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian, Colonial and Foreign Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

MANUFACTURERS OF
The Best Qualities of ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES. Cheaper Qualities for LOW PRESSURES.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.
The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints, Manhole and Mudhole Doors, &c., are also used on every Battleship, Cruiser, Gunboat, Torpedo-boat and Transport in H.M. Service.
"SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c. IN TWO QUALITIES.
SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.
SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
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IND. COOPE & CO'S. PALE ALE.

TRADE MARK.
Hong Name:— YUEN WO.

Is the product of a high class English Brew. Bottled in Shanghai without preservatives of any kind, it retains all the characteristics of a light draught Bitter Ale.

Per cask of 4 doz. Quarts.....$13, per doz. $3.25.
Per cask of 8 doz. Pints.....$14, per doz. $1.80.

TELEPHONE, No. 135. FULL ALLOWANCE GIVEN FOR EMPTIES.

SOLE AGENTS:—
GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [16

THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.
Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER
TANSAN.

FLETCHER & CO.
and
CARMICHAEL & CO.
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RAINIER BEER.



THE famous Malt Tonic and Drink. Try it once and you will order it again. One trial will convince you of its merits. Do not confuse it with cheap and abominable stuffs.

F. BISHOP,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1896.

SEATTLE BREWING AND MALTING Co.,
HONGKONG BRANCH,
ICE HOUSE LANE.
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W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED.
A LARGE AND ENTIRELY NEW STOCK
BOOTS AND SHOES
FOR
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN
AND FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS.
SUPERIOR QUALITY.
Sole Agents for China for this Low Prices.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [18

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

THIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT
RE-OPENED!
RE-OPENED!
RE-OPENED!

ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under
ENTIRELY
NEW
MANAGEMENT.

In making this announcement the Undersigned respectfully INVITES INSPECTION of his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, respectfully solicits the continuance of Patronage.

For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,
per C. CAMPBELL.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [116

To-day's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK,
DUDDELL STREET.

TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING, AT 9 P.M.

THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897.
A HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL
will be competed for by
MIDDLE WEIGHT BOXERS.
Several Middle and Light Weights will box a number of rounds.

SATURDAY, the 23rd January, 1897.
A Farewell Benefit will be tendered to SAM MARKS, prior to his departure for Shanghai. On which occasion a host of attractions will be presented by several Local Atheletes.

The WEST YORK'S BAND will be in attendance.

Admission :—$1.00.

SAM MARKS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [69

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY and PRIORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 19th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [141

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [163

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [164

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, EMBROIDERIES AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned having received from the North of China will offer for Sale by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, the 23rd January, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,

A FINE COLLECTION OF
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS,
Comprising :—
VALUABLE SPECIMENS of MING SANG DE BŒUF, BLACK and WHITE HAWTHORN, &c., SUNG OLD SELADON JAR, KANGHI BLUE & WHITE HAWTHORN JARS, BLUE and WHITE FIGURE, FIVE COLOUR, BLACK & WHITE HAWTHORN, BLUE and GOLD and Other Decorated VASES, YUNG-CHING and KIENLUNG VASES and JARS of Various Fine Decorations, OLD PLATES, CUPS, BOWLS, and a Variety of PORCELAIN of more modern date.
PEKING CLOISONNE VASES, BRONZES, CARVINGS.
PEKING SNUFF BOTTLES and Other CURIOS.

A QUANTITY OF
SILK EMBROIDERIES,
Comprising :—
HANGINGS, MANDARINS' COATS, JACKETS, PETTICOATS, PEKING BROCADES and SUNDRY Other EMBROIDERIES.
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.
On View from FRIDAY, the 22nd January.
TERMS OF SALE :—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897 [165

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU,"
Captain Innes, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [137

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship
"SHANTUNG,"
Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [138

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Captain G. A. Tayler, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [166

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [427

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6

BIRTH.

At No. 14th, Chefoo Road, Shanghai, on the 11th January, 1897, the wife of A. FULLER, of a son.

DEATHS.

At Lübeck, Germany, on the 28th of November, 1896, Consul C. J. PAREDAG, formerly of Amoy, China.

At Wuchang, on the 8th instant, of apoplexy, TH. SCHNELL, late General in the Imperial Chinese Army.

At Shanghai, on the 14th instant, M. GEORGES JULIN, Ingénieur-Architecte.

At Shanghai on the 15th instant, D. N. SINCLAIR, aged 24 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

INDO-CHINA.

LONDON, January 17th.

M. Doumer, the newly appointed Governor of Indo-China, has left France.

THE BENIN EXPEDITION.

Her Majesty's ships *Theseus* and *Forte* have been ordered to proceed immediately from Malta to the West Coast of Africa.

THE BECHUANALAND REVOLT.

The Volunteers have attacked and defeated the Bechuana rebels, killing forty of their number.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

Count A. Goluchowski, who is on a visit to Berlin, has been received with marked honour. The object of the visit is undoubtedly political.

THE BENIN MASSACRE.

The statement of the *Daily News* as per telegram of the 16th instant has been confirmed.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin.*)

FRANCE AND ITALY.

PARIS, January 8th.

At a grand fête given at Tunis the French and Italian residents manifested the warmest good will towards each other.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

PARIS, January 8th.

It is asserted that the Cuban insurgents are disposed to treat for peace.

STILL CHIN-CHINNING.

PARIS, January 9th.

The regiments, schools, and societies in France and Russia are exchanging numerous New Year greetings.

CHOLERA.

PARIS, January 9th.

The commander of a ship that has arrived at Liverpool from Calcutta reports five deaths from cholera *en voyage*.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

PARIS, January 11th.

The persons deported to the Marianne Island from Manila have revolted. The troops of the garrison there repressed the rebellion, killing 80 and wounding 40 of the deportees.

(Special to *Kobe Chronicle.*)

THE CAREW CASE.

YOKOHAMA, January 9th.

Mr. J. Carey Hall (H.B.M. Consul at Kobe) was called on the trial resuming this morning. Taking the oath being contrary to his religious convictions, Mr. Hall made an affirmation instead. He produced the book of evidence at the inquest on the body of Mr. Carew (over which he presided) and swore to Mrs. Carew's statement recorded therein as having been made voluntarily and without compulsion. Witness read the statement and in the course of it identified exhibits 12 to 15. The statement was only half finished when the Court adjourned till Monday.

(Special to *Kobe Herald.*)

YOKOHAMA, January 11th.

Miss Jacobs, late Governess in the Carew household, was arrested by Mr. Hodges, Constable of H.B.M.'s Court, at Miss Brittan's Boarding House, No. 2, Bluff, yesterday afternoon. It is reported that she has been arrested upon a charge of murder. The case comes on for hearing this morning.

LATER.

Miss Jacobs appeared at 9 o'clock this morning before Mr. Troup, H.B.M.'s Consul, charged with the murder of the late W. R. H. Carew. Mr. Lowder prosecutes. Mr. Scidmore is watching the case on behalf of the accused. Mr. Litchfield appeared for the Crown. Mr. Lowder, opening his case, said he intends to prove that in Miss Jacobs is the writer of the Annie Luke letters, and therefore the avowed murderer. Mr. Porch and Mrs. Hutchison were examined. The case stands remanded until to-morrow morning. The arrest has aroused sympathy for Miss Jacobs.

The trial of Mrs. Carew was resumed this morning. Mr. Hall continued his testimony, swearing to the evidence given at the inquest. One witness from Maruya's was examined. The case is adjourned until Wednesday next, 13th inst.

(Special to *China Gazette*)

KOBE, January 15th.

The proceedings in this important trial still continue, and every day brings with it phases of a more or less startling description. During the examination of Mr. H. V. Dickinson, one of the witnesses, to-day, it transpired that he had been deceived by the accused's statements; he had suggested divorce, not marriage.

(Special to *N. C. Daily News.*)

KOBE, January 15th.

The case of Miss Jacobs occupied the whole of Thursday, and was adjourned on Wednesday morning to Monday, the 25th of January. Mr. W. W. Till, of Messrs. Cornes & Co., and Mr. F. S. James, of Messrs. Fraser, Farley, and Varnum, gave bail for her.

The trial of Mrs. Carew was resumed yesterday morning, and Mr. Dickinson was compelled to continue the reading of his letters to the prisoner.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Their Excellencies Wang and Chang Viceroys of Chihli and Hukuang respectively, and Sheng, Director-General of the Great Western Railway, have appointed Chang Chên-k'ai, an expectant Taotai of Chihli, to be the head of the Railway Company at Hankow.

Another Taotai, Sun Chung-huang, and an expectant district magistrate named Hsiang Ming-chien, have further been appointed to superintend the surveys of the railway commencing from Hankow northwards to a point, probably, in Honan province where they will meet another party of officials and surveyors who have made Peking their starting point, southwards.

There will be a number of foreign engineers connected with both expeditions.

IMPERIAL CHINESE POST.

SHANGHAI, January 15th.

As already stated, the new Imperial Chinese Post Office here will open on the 1st day of the Chinese New Year (2nd February). The new office will be under the clock tower of the Custom House, Shanghai, the rooms in which have been refurnished and set in order for the new work in hand.

It appears that in the Yangtze ports there are in all sixteen native private postal agencies, all of which have been retained as adjuncts of the Imperial Post Office, and will continue their business as hitherto with regard to inland mails. Most of these agencies have their headquarters either in Shanghai or in Hankow, and the $400 they have been annually subscribing to the local steamship companies to carry their mails for them to the various Treaty ports has been transferred to the Imperial Postal Department.

The mails to the south by sea are to be entirely in the hands of the government office.—*N. C. Daily News.*

IMPENDING TROUBLE.

SHANGHAI, January 15th

We understand that, under orders received here this morning, the U.S.S. *Yorktown* and *Detroit* will leave here to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, with orders to proceed to Nagasaki and to report themselves to the Admiral commanding the fleet on this station. Rumour has it that a number of the men-of-war on this station will shortly proceed to Hampton Roads, owing to impending trouble between America and Cuba.—*China Gazette.*

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Russian cruiser *Zabiaka* arrived at Foochow on the 5th inst.

THE King of Siam is expected to leave for England early in this year.

H.M.S. *Grafton*, with Rear-Admiral Oxley on board, arrived here to-day from Kobe.

THE Colts will play "A" Co. West Yorks under Association rules to-morrow, at 4.30 p.m.

THE fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons for $15,000 has been fixed to take place on March 17th and will be fought in Mexico.

PRIVATE telegraphic advices from Shanghai state that very cold weather is now being experienced in the Model Settlement.

HIS Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to preside at the Prize Distribution at Queen's College on Friday next, 22nd instant, at noon.

THE Governor-General of the Philippines on the 3rd instant issued a proclamation enforcing martial law throughout the whole of the Philippine Islands.

MR. ARCHER H.B.M. Acting Consul-General at Bangkok, has issued an order imposing quarantine on all British vessels arriving there from Bombay.

THE many friends of Mr. Th. Schnell, the well-known Military Instructor of the Chinese, will be very sorry to hear that he died at Wuchang on the 8th instant.

ACCORDING to latest advices from home H.M.S. *Iphigenia* commissioned to-day at Portsmouth to relieve H.M.S. *Æolus* on the China Station. The *Iphigenia* is a sister ship to the *Æolus*.

MR. JUSTICE HYNDMAN JONES took his seat on the Bench at Penang on the 7th instant, when the Solicitor-General Mr. Harwood addressed to his Lordship the usual congratulatory welcome.

IN their *Weekly Share Report* issued this afternoon Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state "the general aspect of the market has decidedly improved since our last issue; rates of most stocks show an upward tendency, and in some cases a rise has been experienced, notably in Hongkong Fires, Unions, and Docks."

AT the Criminal Sessions to-day, before his Lordship the Chief Justice, a woman named Chun Wun was charged with illegally procuring a girl under 16 years of age for immoral purposes. She was found guilty, and in sentencing her to 18 months' hard labour his Lordship said he meant to punish such offences with the full severity of the law.

MR. J. CAREY HALL, H.B.M's. Consul at Kobe, left for Yokohama on the 6th inst. by the *Gaelic* on a brief visit. Mr. Hampden, who was recently appointed Acting Consul at Hakodate, will shortly come to Kobe to take the place of Mr. Chalmers, who goes to Yokohama to fill Mr. Wildman's position while that gentleman is away on leave.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m. :—

1—Overture	Charles VI	Halevy	
2—Dance	Old Tapestry	Bogetti	
3—Selection	Princess Toto	F. Clay	
4—(a) March	from Incidental Music to Henry VIII	Sullivan	
(b) King Henry's Song			
5—Valse	Folle Ivresse	Waldteufel	
6—Selection	Macbeth	Verdi	

THE Odd Volumes Society held its annual general meeting in Mr. H. E. Pollock's Chambers yesterday afternoon. The report and accounts were passed and the Chairman, Mr. H. E. Pollock, announced that he was endeavouring to obtain a meeting room in the City Hall. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Robinson, was re-elected President, the Vice-Presidents and the Council were appointed for the ensuing year, and Mr. H. E. Pollock was elected Secretary and Mr. Purcell the Treasurer.

SOME interesting experiments have been made by the physiological department of the Yale University on the influence of alcoholic drinks on the chemical processes of digestion. Whenever alcohol was added in quantities over 2 per cent., digestive activity was markedly checked. Whisky, brandy, rum and gin gave practically the same results. The experiments are considered to show that whisky only impedes the solvent action of the gastric juice when taken immoderately and in intoxicating quantities.

THE result of the voting for members of the French Municipal Council at Shanghai was announced on the 11th instant as follows :—

Mr. E. Bard	99
Mr. R. Beschmann	97
Rev. L. Robert	96
Mr. A. Wright	51
Mr. C. Dowdall	48
Mr. J. Gaillard	2
Mr. Steenakers	2
Mr. Radamelle	1

The first four gentlemen were accordingly declared elected. The electors on the list number 195, the number of votes being 107.

THE famous "Hongkong telegram" to the *Times* respecting the Russo-Chinese secret compact, which seems now to be an accepted fact in Europe, is credited to "Mr. Cowen, the able *Times* correspondent at Hongkong" by the editor of the San Francisco *Chronicle* who published on the 15th ultimo a longish leader on the subject of the historical telegram. We were always under the impression that Mr. Cowen positively denied having sent the "Hongkong telegram" to the *Times*. The Frisco *Chronicle* seems, therefore, to be as much in error on the subject as it is manifestly hysterical, coarse to a degree, and distinctly anti-British. Why so many American journalists hate England we are still at a loss to comprehend, and it is very likely that most of our *confrères* of the Yankee press do not themselves quite understand why they eternally haul invectives against "poor old England."

THE Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps has been pleased to make the following promotions, to date 1st January, 1897 :—Corporal J. H. W. Armstrong to be Sergeant, *vice* Sergt. Wylie promoted. Bombardier T. Meek to be Corporal, *vice* Corpl. Armstrong. An election for a Bombardier, in place of Br. Meek promoted, will take place at head-quarters to-night.

ONE of the first points that strikes one in looking at the "destroyers" *Hart* and *Handy*, is the exposed position of their rudders. Instead of being well under water and the head protected by passing up through the counter, the rudder in these craft is placed with a considerable portion showing above water and as the vessels' sterns are sharp, like a whale boat's, the head is also exposed, thus greatly increasing the danger of the steering gear being shot away. Another weak point appears to be in the armoured screen protecting the after wheel, which is similar to the wind screens fitted to the older locomotives, and gives no protection whatever to the helmsman. Possibly there is a reason for this, but the only one that occurs to us is that the boats are only intended to fight bow-on!

WHILE all the unreliable dailies have repeatedly reported that the U.S. flagship *Olympia* would winter at Shanghai, yet we, says the *Box of Curios*, are in a position to say that it is not so, for she leaves for Hongkong on the 20th inst. and will winter there. The Admiral first intended to winter at Shanghai, but last week he held an inspection and noticed the new whiskers of the Junior Mess which the boys were taking the sap out of their spinal columns in trying to raise, and concluded that if he wintered them in the frost belt they would freeze and break off, so he concluded to put them into the hot-house formed by Hongkong harbour and save the crop of silk they had, so strained themselves in trying to develop. [Hongkong does not strike us as being very like a hot-house just now; rather the reverse, in fact.]

SOME people have very funny ideas as to what constitutes a practical joke, and Leung Kit is one of them. He was bailed up in Jervois Street yesterday by P.C. No. 111 MacKenzie, with a cash box hidden under his coat. As no satisfactory explanation was advanced Mac locked him up. Investigation showed that the box belonged to one Chui Mon Chin, a compradore, just arrived from Formosa, and that it contained money and jewellery valued at about $200 as well as valuable papers. To-day at the Magistracy it was put forward that the box was only taken as a joke. Mr. Robinson, who defended accused, paid Mackenzie a high compliment on his skill in making the arrest and urged that there was no felonious intent. Captain Hastings thought otherwise and sent the prisoner (a housebroker) to where he will be able to think out some more jokes for three months. Had the constable not had his eyes well about him the Formosan visitor would have had good cause to regret his trip to Hongkong.

THE second concert this season of the Hongkong Smoking Concert Club was held on Saturday night in the City Hall, when there was a good attendance and the Hon. T. H. Whitehead presided. The programme was a very fair one and valuable service was rendered by the band of H.M.S. *Immortalité*, under Bandmaster A. W. Sharp. Commander Waymouth, R.N., gave a very clever performance of "The Whistling Coon," and Mr. Ryan was applauded for his song "Madame La Shasty." Two German songs of the comic order were well rendered by Mr. Meier. Mr. Maitland's item "The Silver Path" was warmly received and Mr. Goffe's violin solo was a really capital display of artistic skill. In the second part the band gave a fine selection called "A Voyage in a Troopship." Mr. Sliman had an encore for his song "Come into the Garden Maud," and Mr. G. P. Lammert gave an effective rendition of "The Silver Cup." "Look into Mine Eyes," sung by Mr. R. C. Van Nierop, was also a very enjoyable number. Mr. C. T. Robinson was on hand with some of his popular comic songs, and, as usual, he acquitted himself admirably. Mr. Goffe again favoured with another excellent violin solo. Messrs G. Grimble, G. P. Lammert, Ormiston and Woodeson largely helped to make the concert a success by their skill as accompanists.

THE *Scientific American*, in an interesting article, deals with the possible developments of the motor car in England, now that the antiquated and vexatious restraints, which prevented the use of self-propelled vehicles on highways except for heavy and slow traffic, have been removed. It is pointed out that the neglect into which the motor car fell was probably due to the invention of the iron rail, which vastly increased the hauling power of the locomotive as compared with that of the road carriage. The invention of the cushion or pneumatic tyre, however, is now likely to do for the motor car what steel rails did for the locomotive, by reducing the rolling resistance on a first class road. With the development of the motor carriage there is likely to be a steady improvement in the condition of the roads, just as the railway tracks were perfected with the advancement of locomotives. In such case the effectiveness of the motor car will be vastly increased, whether for the farmer with his heavy loads or for the express, postal, or private car with its higher speed. Its adoption in cities will tend to do away with the deafening rattle of the heavy traffic, the pneumatic tyres running silently upon smooth roads, while the hygienic conditions will be improved by the absence of the necessary filth of the thousands of horses now in use and traffic will be accelerated by the increased speed of the vehicles. Now that England and America have bent their energies to the task they will soon develop all the "Promise and Potentiality" of the motor car.

THE *N.-C. Daily News* says the Imperial Bank of China, with a capital of Tls 7,000,000, shortly begins business at Shanghai in the premises formerly occupied by Messrs Russell & Co. on the Bund.

WE notice that divers are now engaged on the portion of the new Praya wall facing old Pedder's Wharf, and venture to hope that it may mean that this portion of the work is to be pushed ahead and completed at last. One can never be certain, however, of what the Reclamation authorities are about and very probably the divers are simply fishing up blocks that have been lost there.

CAPTAIN HALL was brought up on a summons at Singapore on the 9th inst. charged with using language of a nature that cast imputations on the character of Captain Buddery, the master of the American ship *Ivy*. The language used alleged that there was an improper intimacy between Captain Buddery and Mrs. Busk, the wife of the mate of the *Ivy*. Several witnesses were examined, with the result that Captain Hall was fined $75. Notice of appeal was given.

ACCORDING to the *Foochow Daily Echo*, a small colony of Chinese Christians who have settled in the Hok Chiong Hien village, near Foochow, have been sorely persecuted by their neighbours. They complained five times to a Magistrate, and he only told them they were liars. Now, says the Foochow *Echo*, their huts have been burned and their cattle stolen. Complaints were made to Archdeacon Wolfe, who was powerless to help, and under a ruffian named Ku Cheang Hwa further atrocities have been committed, the officials being powerless against the mob. As usual, the native officers are telling the most barefaced falsehoods and the offenders go unpunished. As our contemporary says, this is a flagrant breach of the treaty between Great Britain and China and should not go unpunished. The local magistrate should be dismissed and the Christians compensated. The responsibility of the Viceroy of Fukien should also be ascertained at once.

THE next Universal Postal Congress will assemble in Washington, U.S., in May next. Invitations will be sent to all countries having mail arrangements. The sessions will last two months, and the debates will be conducted in French. China and the Orange Free State are the only countries of importance that do not belong to the Universal Postal Union; they will, however, probably send delegates. The vital question before the Congress will be that of payment by one country for the transportation of its mails across the domains of every other. Every grain of weight of mail matter sent by one country across the land or water of another is now scrupulously paid for to its destination. The settlement of the rate of payment causes a vast deal of vexatious work. The settlement of the rate of payment is made on the basis of statistics taken once in three years, covering a period of four weeks. Every country then weighs all the mails it despatches to every point outside its limits, and the countries to which the mails are respectively addressed verify the figures. But the system gives rise to so many complications and annoyances that it is proposed to do away with it altogether. Some countries, says *Scientific American*, among them the United States, seek the total abolishment of these transit rates and the substitution of an arrangement by which each country carries the mails of all others free.

FIRE IN JERVOIS STREET.

A COURAGEOUS CONSTABLE.

One of what people call the "Chinese New Year fires" took place at No 138, Jervois Street last night and resulted in the total destruction of a three storied shop. The alarm was given at about 10.30 and P.C. Williams was first on the scene followed by P.C. MacKenzie. No. 138 was burning vigorously and the flames from the first and second floor windows had reached a hardware shop on the corner of Morrison Street. Williams went up the narrow stairs of the latter place to the third floor and bravely brought down two children aged 8 and 5 years. A *Telegraph* reporter saw the place to-day and is well able to appreciate the constable's pluck. The stairs, which barely afford room for a man to walk on, were filled with blinding smoke; articles such as lamps and cans were falling in all directions, and to have made the passage safely under ordinary circumstances required a steady foot and a strong hand. Mackenzie also brought from out the smoke on the ground floor, a man who madly persisted in going back for his property.

No. 138 where the fire broke out was occupied by Yuen Loong, as a second hand clothier's shop, and the place is now destroyed, the two upper floors having fallen in and the stock is all spoiled by fire and water. Neither the occupant nor his *fokis* have been seen since the fire and it is not known whether they have cleared out or are buried under the debris. No. 136 on the other side, a paper shop, was damaged by fire and water in the upper stories. Nothing is known as to the cause of the outbreak.

Captain May, Chief Inspector Corcoran led the brigade with the steamers, &c., were promptly on the scene, and by their exertions they undoubtedly checked the fire from spreading. In a thoroughfare so narrow and crowded the work of the brigade was certainly first-class. Inspector Duncan with a party of police lent good aid in keeping the crowd from hampering the firemen, and the flames were wholly subdued in an hour and a half. No. 138 was insured with Carlowitz and Sanders for $23,000 and No. 140 was insured with Siemssen and Co. for $2,500.

No. 138 was in a dangerous state this morning, the walls looking very unsafe, and Inspector Brennan took quick steps to have precautions taken against accident.

BEACHCOMBERS AND OTHER THINGS.

"Ah me! what troubles do enthral
The scribe who dips his pen in gall,
Recounting humble men's mishaps,
Whilst Dame Europa nods and naps,
And cares not if Pacific seas
Lave Carribees or Cherokees."

The above curious class of mortals, peculiar to the summer isles of Eden, bids fair at no very distant date to become as extinct as the Mauritius dodo or the New Zealand moa. Humanly speaking, the beachcomber reminds one of the Cossack, the Apache, and his co-efficient the Cowboy—somewhat similar products of a free and easy, primitive and breezy state of Nature. Year by year their mildly vicious circle in Pacific waters is steadily contracting under the auspices of energetic—sometimes hastily energetic—officials and missionaries. France in the north-east, with her grip on the Society, Paumotu, Austral, Marquesas and Gambier groups; Germany and Spain, joint rivals for the occupation of the great Micronesian area, in the north-west (N.B.—Papua or North Guinea and the back islands adjoining don't count, as strangers and castaways may reckon upon rather too much of a warm reception there); and, last but not least, Great Britain, with her protectorates in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Rarotonga, Tokelau, Ellis, Gilbert and elsewhere in the south-west.

These Powers are steadily drawing closer and closer the meshes of their gigantic seine-net to entrap these odd fishes. Those who fail to wriggle through will end perforce by being transformed—by the elimination of the weak, by the survival of the fittest and stoutest, and by a gradual process of natural selection—into a peaceful and somewhat sedentary type of trader. As far as Pacific lands are concerned, the dashing pirates and adventurers of olden times and the sandal-wood traders—tersely described by an old salt "Haf dhim's pirits and the other haf's no beter and a del wus"—but rarely enter nowadays into the calculations of those who really know island life. Other unlonely personalities are also fading from the scene. Plenty of cannibals may yet be found, on portions of the New Guinea coast and on the islands of Melanesia, by those who care to look for them; but in the Marquesas group, of such lurid fabledom they are now as scarce as the coral reefs with which the ardent imagination of a certain novelist has recently decorated these far-off islands. Again, a little piracy goes on still in the Sunda Straits and Sulu Seas, but European cruisers are too much on the alert for these gentry to thrive much. The days are past when the casual investor will find either sandal-wood trading upon primitive and economical principles, piracy on the high seas, or kidnapping black labour a paying concern. Thus the palette of the realistic artist who wishes to paint modern Polynesians to the life is rudely robbed of its most brilliant and striking pigments. He has to fall back upon the neutral half-tones of fact and truth. But to return to our poor, much worried flock of so-called black sheep, the beachcombers. Their golden days are past. Vanished are the days of '49. No longer runaway sailors, stray castaways, and "masterless men" sway the councils of Polynesian rulers, or sit as honoured guests on consular verandahs. The days of Gascoyne, the sandal-wood trader, of Herman Melville, and the shadowy Doctor Long Ghost are faded and gone into the misty limbo of oblivion. The doings of "Bully" Hayes and Capt. "Longbeard" Pease are now relegated to the back numbers of the dime novel, to point a very questionable moral, but hardly to adorn a decent tale, save when the genius of Louis Becke calls up their poor old ghosts awhile from the grey land of shadows. In the exquisite pages of R. L. Stevenson, and the author of "South Sea Bubbles" and "The Earl and the Doctor" the subtle penetrating charm of reef and palm, cliff and foreland, brook and woodland still lingers with us. The islands are as fair as ever, but the nameless graceful and pleasant naïveté of the islanders is fast verging into a heavy and apathetic sullenness. Stilled is the piping of the great god Pan, hushed the voices of the Nymphs and Oreads of the glades and brooks, and the daughters of Nereus have deserted the coral gardens and fairy grottoes of Ocean. Where the race for the nimble dollar has passed over it, the grass grows less green. And so rolls on the Juggernaut car of our tremendous nineteenth century of progress crushing into finest dust old ideals, old beliefs old races.

"Ohne hast, Ohne rast." So the wheels roll on, grind on, without cessation. Meanwhile, a spell of rest and otiose calm in place of the old stirring spirit of excitement and adventure pitches the keynote of island life just now. Without hope, yet without anxiety, the folk are passing away, and another chapter in the long roll of evolution will shortly be closed for ever. The refrain of the great poet is ever with us, "Golden girls and lads all must, like chimney-sweepers come to dust." A shy wild bird is the beachcomber, who won't come to everybody's whistle. Nowadays his peaking lion's roar has died down to softest turtle-dove's lullaby. Unobtrusively he stows himself away into odd little nooks and corners, for he is being sought after rather more than his modest nature craves. He only wants now to be left undisturbed by fanatical King Pauls and other hasty zealots of a single idea to the enjoyment of his own queer life in peace, and to quietly mind his own business, if other people will be so good as to mind theirs. For the rest, his hoards are little, but his heart is generally in the right place. He is hospitable to the chance passer-by, often possessing a liberal fund of dry humour and curious information and a never ending stock of anecdotes that would delight a Mark Twain or a Rudyard Kipling. Often he has a very fair education, too, and the numbers of "Scientific Americans," "Scribner's," and "Harper's" magazines and such like up-to-date publications circulating among these remote islands would fairly astonish any other than a student of the bizarre and striking phases and paradoxes of human nature to be met with in certain out-of-the-way regions of the globe.

F. W. CHRISTIAN.

SWATOW NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Swatow, January 18th.

To the troubles going on in other parts of China, this district is adding its quota. The two Prefectures of Chao-chow 潮州 and Hweichow (惠州), of which Swatow is the principal trade centre, are in a very disturbed state owing to old feuds being revived and inter-village fighting resulting. This is of course nothing new, but it was put down by the late General Fong with a strong hand and lessons taught which prevented any great repetition during his lifetime; now unfortunately it is again on the increase, and the mandarins are either unable or afraid to repress it. Fighting has been going on recently in the K'ieh Yang (揭陽) district at the villages Chin K'eng (金坑) Nang Hsia (陽夏) Ch'ih-yen-t'o (赤岩頭), Têng-tsu-liao (曾厝寮) and Wei-ku-Shan (圍姑山) in the Chao-yang (潮陽) district at the villages K'e-chhi (可溪) and Chiang-t'ou (蔣頭) in the Pu-ning (普寧) district at Chhi-nan (溪南) and Li-hu (鯉湖) and in the Fung Shun district (豐順) at Kao-mei (高美).

In all cases district was fighting against district, except Ch'ih-yen-t'ou (赤岩頭) T'êng-tsu-liao (曾厝寮) which are back in the Kieh-yang (揭陽) district.

This internecine warfare brings untold misery in its train, and entails considerable loss of life. It also checks production of exports, limits consumption of imports, and causes hitherto thriving villages to be steeped in the depths of poverty. It also checks emigration temporarily, and has done so this year. In many cases crops are destroyed, or carried away by the enemy, in some cases prematurely gathered by the owners, thus involving great loss. These quarrels always end in heavy squeezes by the Mandarins and though checked for a time by want of food or sinews of war, are always ready to break out again. Firearms are freely used by the fighters, all of which are probably imported from Hong kong, although not necessarily through Swatow—very likely landed on the coast by smuggling junks between this and yours. General Fong seized all the arms in the Chao-chow (潮州) Prefecture with very good effect, but now more have come into the country and another General Fong is wanted to repeat his drastic measures. The Hon. T. H. Whitehead's—your only free and independent member—suggestion to your Government not to limit export of arms unless intended for use against the Chinese Government would be quite ineffectual, for although only wanted to-day for inter-village fighting, to-morrow they are ready for use against the Government and are so used when the Mandarins interfere. This state of things not only does great injury to the country, but is most detrimental to foreign trade.

I am tired of writing about the weather. Since my last notes our weather has been made up of the biggest lot of samples on record, in which Jupiter Pluvius played no inconsiderable part. To-day a sample of the proper N. E. Monsoon weather has come out of the bag and we are happy.

The Netherlands cruiser *Koningin Wilhelmina* arrived yesterday and saluted the port although it was the "Sawbath"—to oblige the Fort commandant I am told. She is a formidable looking thing, but with not much pretence to beauty. Her stay here is likely to last a fortnight.

AN AUSTRALIAN HORROR.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, December 20th.

The Antipodes, as no doubt your readers are aware, have just been horrified by a series of crimes that bid fair to eclipse the deeds of the villain Deeming. In Sydney there is only one topic of conversation at present, and it is Butler *alias* Harwood, who took the unfortunate Lee Weller and Preston away with him and murdered them. Go where you will, on tram, train, bus or boat, everyone is talking of the "Mountain Murders" and the papers are eagerly watched from day to day for further details. The evening journals, the *News* in particular, are displaying great enterprise in the matter and the artists have been busy at work preparing sketches of the murderer, his victims, scenes where the bodies were found; and copies of the murderer's signature in various styles.

It is feared that there are other unfortunates who have been got rid of in the same way as the two mentioned and the police are kept constantly on the *qui vive* by people who have stories of missing friends. Butler is supposed to have left Newcastle in a Nova Scotia ship, the *Swanhilda*, for San Francisco, and by the mail steamer *Monowai*, which left Sydney two days ago, Detective Machattie and Constable Conroy have gone to intercept their man at the Golden Gate. Both officers know him, and Conroy at one time was within an ace of going prospecting with him.

In the Parkes district where Butler was at one time seen with a mate a keen search is being made, but no corpse has been found so far. A deserted camp has, however, been found, and at it were secured a horse rug and waterproof. The average prospector or bushman is not in the habit of leaving such things behind and suspicions of foul play are strong. One person to whom a man sold a travelling outfit has indentified him by a portrait as Butler. When first seen at Parkes, Butler had a gentlemanly looking young fellow with him as mate and they had a covered waggonette and two horses. Butler, who said he was a mining expert, was alone when he sold the outfit and returned to Sydney. It was at Parkes that he gave himself the name of Harwood, and he had been seen superintending the digging of a shaft by his missing companion.

It has been put forward now that Richard Ashe is the true name of the wanted man, and a signature in that name attached to a receipt for wages from the ship *Olive Bank* is said by experts to be identical with other specimens of the man's writing. The specimens as published all bear a similarity that strikes even the unpractised eye. Of the signature "Lee Weller," signed by the man who shipped in the *Swanhilda*, there can be little doubt as to its identity with the other specimens. From Mudgee a letter has been received in the same hand signed "A. Vokes," and this is also supposed to be Butler's. A young man named Chambers left Mudgee with Vokes or whatever his name was, and he also has never been seen since. Another man named Robertson who had £400 in his possession has been missing for some months after going prospecting with a stranger in this colony, and his relatives naturally have fears for his safety. "Butler," as the wanted man is generally termed here, had a Ballarat School of Mines certificate, which was stolen from one F. Harwood and this was no doubt of use to him when using that alias.

Several people who were negotiating to go prospecting with Butler have been interviewed and all readily identify the police portrait as that of the man they saw. They all say he seemed to have considerable mining knowledge and knew the country districts remarkably well. In each case he said he wanted a partner with £20 or £30, and he told one man he had a mine that was worth millions if he only had a mate to help him develop it.

Two men named Marchant and Leyagh who are missing are positively stated by their friends to have gone off with Butler at different times, and a shirt with Marchant's name on it has been recovered by the police from a person to whom it was given by Butler.

An interesting story is that of a sailor who came to the Colonies in the ship *Olive Bank* from Rio in 1893 and he throws some light on the character of Richard Ashe (so he called him), whom he identified in a Butler portrait. The sailor said that instead of the usual nautical garb Ashe appeared in a neat attire, carrying a portmanteau and a small clothes bag made of American duck. His undoubted ability to perform a better class of sailor work soon proved that Ashe was a seaman. He was always "dead nuts" on the officers, and sneered often at the second mate. Frequently, while keeping watch, he would converse with his chum, who appears to be the only man with whom he became friendly. The conversation always turned on money matters, and here, to, anotaes characteristic of the man as latterly described made itself apparent, for although he was a thorough sailor he always avoided sailor talk. He did much as he liked on board the vessel, and the officers did not seem to care to order him about, as they said his ugly disposition sooner or later would have brought them into conflict. On arriving at Newcastle, Ashe, for threatening the captain, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Upon his return from gaol Ashe was met by his shipmate, who had also been paid off, and taken to the Northumberland Hotel. Ashe remained at the hotel some time, and it was noticed that he never interested himself in shipping matters. He appeared to spend most of his time in wandering around the hill, and on one occasion the remarked that there were lots of "good marks" on the hill, and that there must be plenty of money in those big houses. At this time he called himself a second mate, and, although this was generally understood in the forecastle, no one ever saw any papers. Ashe's shipmate says that from then he lost sight of him till about a week before he sailed for 'Frisco in the *Swanhilda*. The recognition was mutual, and the two cronies talked over their old times, and Ashe's old ship, the *Olive Bank*, was then in port. The shipmate, on meeting the captain (Petrie) in the street, called his attention to Ashe, and reminded him of the incident in connection with his last visit to Newcastle. The captain did not seem over anxious to renew the acquaintance, and he made the remark, "For God's sake, keep that man away from me. I had enough of him last voyage." Later on Captain Petrie also warned Captain Fraser that Ashe was dangerous, and advised him to have nothing to do with him. Some three or four days after the two men met again, when Ashe, or Butler, said, "I have arranged to go with the *Swanhilda*. Come and let's wet it," which they accordingly did. In a conversation Butler said, "It is funny that I should run across old Petrie again. I just wanted to let him see that I was alive, and if I fall across him when I get to 'Frisco I will blow his brains out." Butler informed his old shipmate that he had never been to sea since he left the *Olive Bank*, but had been in West Australia, whence he had just returned. "I have been all over West Australia fossicking and prospecting, buying claims and selling them again, and at all sorts of games since I saw you last. I have made a lot of money, and want to go over to 'Frisco to settle some business, after doing which I will return to the colonies. I would very much like you to come with me to 'Frisco. I have plenty of money for both, and you will want for nothing. If I had had a daring fellow with me in West Australia we would both have done well, and come back loaded." When pressed for information as to how he became possessed of so much money, Butler produced two cartridges from his top waistcoat pocket, and, the shipmate asserts, said with a smile, "This is how I get my living," and significantly added that if they had any stuff on them it was only a matter of "pinking them." Butler seemed to be possessed of ample spending money, and would not allow his old shipmate to pay for anything. Still, he was a man who never got drunk, careful as to whom he confided anything, and when talking had a habit of twisting his heavy black moustache. This old shipmate immediately recognised the portrait of Butler appearing in the newspapers as being identical with his old shipmate Ashe, and is positive that he is now in the *Swanhilda*. Butler did not speak to his chum of the captain's certificate (Lee Weller's), he is supposed to have in his possession.

People were further horrified on the 14th inst. when news came to hand from West Australia of two bodies being found in the Bardoc district just in the same way as poor Weller and Preston were found. The report goes that some prospectors saw a man there filling up a hole and he informed them his mate had a "good show." After a while the prospectors came back thinking they might share in the find and they discovered a man's body buried in the hole with a bullet wound in his skull. This was 18 months ago and no clue was ever found as to the murderer. Near Coolgardie a stench attracted a party of travellers to make a search and they found the corpse of an Afghan carrier buried under exactly similar circumstances to those found on the Blue Mountains. Butler had said in Newcastle that he had been prospecting in this part and it is a very reasonable supposition that these are some more of his victims.

A KOBE HOTEL DESTROYED.

KOBE, January 11th.

The Commercial Hotel (proprietor, Mr. Bodecker) was burnt to the ground this morning. The fire broke out in the basement and quickly got a firm hold on the building. The occupants of the house were awakened by the smoke and Mr. Bodecker ran out and gave the alarm. The Settlement Fire Brigade, under Superintendent Sim, promptly responded to the call and several Japanese brigades, but their united efforts could not save the building, which burnt like a match box. Fortunately the flames were prevented from reaching the adjoining property.—*Chronicle.*

THE TRAVELLING CHINEE.

(By a British Manufacturer, after Bret Harte.)

Well, I wish to remark—
And I'm putting it plain—
That for keeping things dark,
And for making tricks vain,
The travelling Chinese is peculiar—
And I've tried all furnineer strain.

Li Hung Chang is his name,
Though some papers deny,
In regard to the same,
What that name might imply.
Be it Chong, Chang or Chung, Tong or Poker,
It don't make much difference—he's fly!

It was August the third
When he first saw our skies;
And it might be inferred
We had landed a prize.
And would also land orders—in plenty;
But prophecy's always unwise!

We had each our small game,
And Li Hung took a hand,
We speak English; the same
He does not understand.
His interpreter does, and he questioned
Through him in a way that was grand!

As to "wanting to know,"
Clennan's self was not in it!
Chang's questions would flow
About twenty per minute;
And if catechisms the cake took,
I'm certain the Chinese would win it.

Our shops were all stocked
In a way which I grieve
That he—silently—mocked,
With a laugh—in his sleeve.
And a Chinaman's sleeves are capacious
Beyond what you'd really believe.

But as to a trade
With that Travelling Chinee—
Why, the most that we made
Are, so far as I see,
A sewing machine and a lawn tent,
Which the same were delivered him free!

Ships and guns were all nigh,
Which he gazed on with glee,
But was not moved to buy,
And I said, "Can this be?
I fear it is not many orders
We'll get from this Travelling Chinee!"

Which is why I remark—
And I put it quite plain—
That for riddles most dark,
And for questions quite vain,
The Travelling Chinee is a caution,
But orders from him do not rain!

—*Punch.*

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

The following programme has been arranged for the present season:—

1.—Lecture by His Excellency the Governor upon "Charles Dickens, his life, works, style, and character, and the lessons that should be learnt from them," at Government House, on Wednesday, the 20th January, at 5 p.m.

2.—Lecture by Mr. Frederick W. Christian upon the "Ruins of Metalamia, with a brief sketch of Ponapean tradition and folk-lore," on Monday, the 8th of February, at 5.15 p.m.

3.—Lecture by Surgeon-Colonel Evatt upon the "Care of the British Army in War," on Monday, the 15th of February, at 5.15 p.m.

4.—Lecture by Mr. W. Machell on "The Chinaman as a Soldier," on Friday, the 26th February, at 5.15 p.m.

5.—Lecture by Mr. Granville Sharp on "Money," on Friday, the 5th March, at 5.15 p.m.

6.—Lecture by Mr. W. C. Barlow, M.A., on "John Stuart Blackie," on Friday, the 12th of March, at 5.15 p.m.

7.—Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on Captain Mahan's book, "The Influence of Sea Power on History," on Friday, the 19th of March, at 5.15 p.m.

8.—Lecture by Mr. F. Browne, on "The X Rays," on Wednesday, 31st March, at 5.15 p.m.

9.—Lecture by Dr. F. W. Clark on "The Salt of the Earth," on Friday, the 9th of April, at 5.15 p.m.

10.—Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on the "Theory of British Advocacy," on Wednesday, the 14th of April, at 5.15 p.m.

N. B.—The attention of members is specially drawn to the place and hour of meeting for the opening lecture by His Excellency the Governor.

No place has yet been determined upon for the delivery of the other lectures, which, it will be noted, are fixed for a later hour than the opening lecture.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January 1897.

THE FITZSIMMONS-SHARKEY FIGHT.

RESULT OF THE LITIGATION.

Yesterday's American mail brought news that on December 17th at San Francisco Judge Sanderson decided that all who were concerned in the recent prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey had violated the law prohibiting prize fighting and were amenable to indictment. The court could not interfere regarding the stakes and Fitzsimmons' complaint against Sharkey was dismissed.

In delivering judgment his Honour said: "There is no question in my mind that the parties in this engagement or exhibition or whatever you call it—the complaint calls it a boxing contest—are indictable under the law and that the people who witnessed it are amenable as law-breakers. I understand that these exhibitions are given, and they are given because the people and the police wink at them. But no Court will recognise any such proceeding. And there is no doubt in my mind that this injunction should be dissolved, and it would have been dissolved if the motion had been made immediately upon the heels of issuing it, as the Court in fact expected.

"The order to dissolve the injunction will be granted."

General Barnes (for Sharkey)—How about the motion to dissolve the complaint?

The Court—Yes, the complaint should be stricken from the files.

Fitzsimmons and Julian were in Court during the session, and appeared rather downcast when the Judge rendered his decision. Sharkey, Earp, and "Long Green" Lawrence did not appear.

The numerous garnishments against the money which Judge Sanderson has allowed to Sharkey keeps about $3,000 of it in escrow. The remainder belongs to Sharkey, his trainer, and General Barnes. Denny, Lynch, who has manipulated the deal by which Sharkey got the money, testified in court that there was no portion of the coin coming to him.

There appears to have been a great deal of ill-feeling in the squabble and the press of America has joined in condemning the action of the *S. F. Examiner*, which supported Earp, the referee. It has been reported that many people who were backing Fits got information at the last moment that made them hedge on Sharkey. Some queer stories are in circulation about the nature of the injury said to have been received by Sharkey.

Regarding the fight itself it is probable that the Civic Federation will bring the details of the affair before the grand jury, and if possible secure the indictment of both the fighters and their seconds. I. I. Truman, president of that body, said lately, "The fights that have occurred in San Francisco during the course of the last few months are a burning disgrace. The federation has several times endeavoured to get the officers of the law not to allow them to proceed, but the apathy of public opinion has been such that its attempts have resulted in utter failure.

"I believe the City should take this affair into into its own hands and not leave the purity bodies to bear the brunt of the movement for reform. For my part next Monday evening I am going to urge the bringing of the case to the attention of the grand jury with all the powers at my command."

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

[*Saturday, 16th January, 1897.*]

NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 14—Notifies that Mr. Li King Sum has been appointed a Public Vaccinator.

No. 15—Gazettes the appointment of Sergeant W. K. Wylie to be Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

No. 16—Announces the Royal assent to Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving's appointment as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

No. 17—Notifies the temporary appointment of Mr. Edward Bowdler to the Executive and Legislative Councils during the absence of the Hon. F. A. Cooper.

No. 18—Notifies that Mr. H. P. Tooker will act as Director of Public Works in the Hon. F. A. Cooper's absence. Mr. Tooker will also hold the post of Water Authority during the same period.

No. 20—Announces the appointment of Mr. H. L. Dennys as Crown Solicitor vice Mr. A. B. Johnson, resigned.

No. 21—Notifies the appointment of Mr. D. MacDonald as surveyor of boilers in unlicensed steam vessels under 60 tons burden.

No. 22—Notifies that the Hon. F. H. May will act as President of the Sanitary Board during the absence of the Hon. F. A. Cooper.

No. 30—Publishes notices to mariners regarding soundings in Kiang Strait, Straits of Malacca, the existence of a shoal bank off Loan Yau, Japan, sunken reefs off Oma Zaki, and a new revolving light on the South Coast of Kiushiu, Japan.

The *Gazette* also contains the usual list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Telegraph Co.'s offices; the Post Office list of *poste restante* correspondence, and list of letters, etc., for mariners, vessels.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

JANUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.165
Thermometer 59.4
Humidity 74.
Rainfall 1.67 inches.

TO-DAY,

Tuesday, 19th January, 1897.

Chinese.—*17th of 12th moon of 22nd year of* Jewish.—*16th Sebat 5657.* *Kwong-sü.*
Mohammedan.—*18th Shaaban, 1314.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 45min.*
Sets *5hr. 37min.*
High water—*Morning**11hr. 10min.*
Afternoon *9hr. 28min.*
Low water—*Morning* *4hr. 25min.*
Afternoon *8hr. 37min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Hongkong ceded to the British by the Elliot and Kishen Treaty.
1863—Hongkong Sailors' Home opened.
1870—The *Frederic* burnt by coolies.
1888—Mr. Murray, British Vice-Consul at Macao, committed suicide.
1891—Houses of Parliament at Tokio destroyed by fire.

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ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Treaty of Chuenpi concluded and a circular issued by Captain Elliot announcing the cession of Hongkong.
1849—Birth of the 1st Hongkong-born Britisher.
1891—Attempt to set fire to the s.s. *Pekin* at Shanghai.
1896—The s.s. *On Sang* ran on Dunmail Rock and was beached at Bay View.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—19th January.

9 p.m.—Meeting of the Victoria Preceptory and Priory.

TO-MORROW,—20th January.

11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.
Noon.—*Tamtse* leaves for Europe.
Noon.—*Empress of China* leaves for Vancouver, *via* usual ports of call.
5 p.m.—Meeting of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society at Government House.

THURSDAY,—21st January.

11.30 a.m.—Extraordinary general meeting of Messrs Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of shareholders of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings.
Noon.—Meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of household furniture, &c., at No. 55, Wyndham Street, by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

FRIDAY,—22nd January.

Tacoma mail due.
9 p.m.—St. George's Ball at the City Hall.

SATURDAY,—23rd January.

English mail due.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Tacoma (*Macduff*) 22nd inst.
English (*Ravenna*) 23rd inst.
American (*Belgic*) 26th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 27th inst.
Tacoma (*Braemar*) 28th inst.
American (*Peru*) 6th prox.
American (*Coptic*) 15th prox.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left Singapore for this port at 7 a.m. to-day.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Japan*, from China, arrived at London on the afternoon of the 18th inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Tamtse	steamer,	from Shanghai	
Malikhde	,,	,,	Haiphong
Taichong	,,	,,	Deli
Taucred	,,	,,	Coast Ports
Namoa	,,	,,	Coast Ports
Holstein	,,	,,	Saigon
Tamsui	,,	,,	Chinkiang
Caledonian	,,	,,	Europe
Grafton	cruiser	,,	Kobe

Aggregating 17,658 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Triumph	steamer,	for	Hoihow
Bellona	,,	,,	Singapore
Fuihun	,,	,,	Canton
Tatlie	,,	,,	Swatow
Olympia	,,	,,	Tacoma
Yamashiro Maru	,,	,,	Australia
Retriever	schooner	,,	Canton

Aggregating 8,242 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lehin	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Bygdo	,,	,,	,,
Elsa	,,	,,	,,
Danie	,,	,,	,,
Kwelyang	,,	,,	,,
Arcona (H.I.G.M.S.)	,,	,,	,,
Nanzhang	,,	Cosmopolitan	,,
Honam	,,	,,	,,

SWATOW.

Arrivals.		*from*	*Agents.*
16th Jan.	*Hailan*	H'kong	J.M. & Co.
,,	*Newchwang*	Chefoo	B. & S.
,,	*Federation*	Amoy	L. & H.
,,	*Canton*	H'kong	J.M. & Co.
,,	*Choysang*	Shanghai	,,
17th Jan.	*Wilhelmina*	H'kong	—
18th Jan.	*Machew*	H'kong	B. & S.
,,	*Namoa*	Amoy	J.M. & Co.

Departures.		*for*	*Agents.*
16th Jan.	*Hailan*	Amoy	J.M. & Co.
,,	*Kiangnan*	Chinkiang	Tung Tai
,,	*Canton*	Shanghai	J.M. & Co.
,,	*Choysang*	H'kong	,,
17th Jan.	*Federation*	Singapore	L. & H.
,,	*Kowin*	Shanghai	B. & S.
,,	*Fushpo*	H'kong	—
18th Jan.	*Newchwang*	Shanghai	B. & S.
,,	*Namoa*	H'kong	J.M. & Co.

In Port.		*from*	*Agents.*
17th Jan.	*Wilhelmina*	H'kong	—
18th Jan.	*Machew*	H'kong	B. & S.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—1st December—*Helen Rickmers.* 4th December—*Glenfalloch.* 8th December—*Romany.* 15th December—*Bullmouth, Yens Mathich, Ringum Maru.* 19th December—*Benmohr, Canton, Kirkdale, Normandie, Glenariney, Cowrie.* 5th January—*Kretenfels, Antenor, Maria Rickmers, Obi, Patroclus, Sikh, Oceanien.* 8th January—*Benvenue, Fatsi, Templar.* 15th Jan.—*Breconshire, Tsewhat.*

HOMWARD—12th January—*Adm.* 15th Jan.—*Glengyle, Salacia, Ulysses, Yamaguchi Maru.*

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Intimations.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 21st day of January, 1897, at Half-past Eleven of the clock in the Forenoon, when the resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 29th day of December, 1896, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

A printed copy of the Resolution can be seen on application to the General Manager.

By Order,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [144

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 13th, to THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.
General Agents
for the West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1897. [85

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 13th, to THURSDAY, the 21st Jan., 1897 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1897. [86

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 12th o'clock NOON, for the Purpose of Receiving a Report of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1896. [132

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 29th Jan., to TUESDAY, the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.
Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [161

THE GRILL ROOM,
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [67

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36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Intimations.

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Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th Inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [156

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, KURRACHEE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MEDUSA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From Calcutta, *ex* S.S. "DAPHNE," transhipped at Colombo.

From Trieste, *ex* SS. "IMPERATOR," transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, *ex* S.S. "MASSIMILIANO," transhipped at Trieste.

From Venice, *ex* S.S. "CARLOTTA," transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 26th instant, *or they will not be recognised.*

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [134

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "CHINA" are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [

Consignees.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PRINZ HEINRICH."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1897. [96

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To follow the S.S. *Asloun, Claverhill* and *Radley.*

THE Steamship

"MORVEN"

on or about the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [71

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Gardner, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [153

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"STRATHTAY,"

Captain McKenzie, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th February, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [146

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE. *(Under Mail Contract.)*

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY. (Calling at TUTICORIN on the homeward voyage.)

THE Company's Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU,"

Captain J. M. Carnow, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [145

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain W. Waddilove, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [147

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"POLYPHEMUS,"

Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [1977

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [158

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LYEEMOON,"

Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [161

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 9 A.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [98

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To follow the "POLYPHEMUS."

S.S. "PORT ADELAIDE," to sail about 30th January, 1897.

S.S. "ENERGIA," to sail about 14th February, 1897.

S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 28th February, 1897.

A "WARRACK" Steamer, to sail about 15th March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1896. [1766

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Barque

"SUMBAWA,"

Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [66

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 1100 *A. T.* Iron 4-mast British Barque

"MATTERHORN,"

Captain J. Williams, will soon be ready to load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1840

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Barque

"PENOBSCOT,"

Captain Maculder, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1896. [65

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWALL,"

Sewall, Master, shortly expected from Shanghai, will load here and will be despatched by end of February.

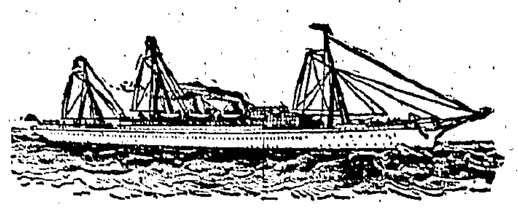
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, *Pedder's Street.*

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"BELGIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897 [3

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [99

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 26th Jan., at Noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 13th Feb., at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 26th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, viâ Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1897. [2

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP.  DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

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Mails.

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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [5

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	2nd Feb.
Preussen	Tuesday...	2nd March.
Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Cuppers, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 30th Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 1st Feb., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 1st Feb. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1897. [96

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

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Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,601	Tuesday...	Feb. 9.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1897. [

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